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AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED FROM JOSE ARMANDO BERMUDEZ, HEAD OF J. ARMANDO BERMUDEZ, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S LARGEST RUM PRODUCER, A COPY OF SPEECH HE DELIVERED AT WORLD RUM FAIR (FERIA MUNDIAL DEL RON) HELD AT LA GUAIRA, VENEZUELA, NOVEMBER 15 TO 24. IN SPEECH BERMUDEZ ARGUED THAT THE RELATIVELY SLOW GROWTH OF MARKET FOR FOREIGN RUM IN THE U.S. AND SMALL PERCENTAGE RUM COMMANDS OF TOTAL U.S. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION IS LARGELY DUE TO U.S. TARIFF RATES WHICH DISCRIMINATE AGAINST RUM VIS-A-VIS, FOR EXAMPLE, SCOTCH. HE SUGGESTED THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RUM PRODUCERS, THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF WHICH WOULD BE JOINTLY TO PETITION THE USG FOR A LOWERING OF THE RUM TARIFF. IN COVERING LETTER, BERMUDEZ ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

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